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SUBJECT: Decision on Terminal Disclaimer (T.D.) filed: 10-Aug-05

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  - has failed to state his/her capacity to sign for the business entity (see § 14.28).
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APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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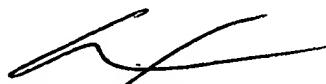
Sir:

Attached is a Terminal Disclaimer submitted in an effort to place this application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, early allowance of claims 17-30 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (Case No. 500.36414CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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In re Application of: S. MITA, et al

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For: PARTIAL RESPONSE DEMODULATING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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